mountains/hills above 1000 metres;

(ii) Forest protection measures are being intensified including strengthening of infra-structure facilities to curb biotic interference in the forests;

(iii) Enactment of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, to check diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes.

Diversion of Exquisite Forest Land in Dhule for people already settled on Forest Land

1376. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government has requested the Government of India to give clearance for diversion of another 1500 hectares of exquisite forest land in Dhule district for rehabilitating the people already settled on forest lands in the district; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) A proposal for diversion of additional 1500 ha. of forest land for rehabilitation of Sardar Sarovar affected persons has been received from the Maharashtra State Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) After examination of the proposal, certain essential lacking details have been sought from Maharashtra State Government on 24-1-92.

Irrigation Projects of Madhya Pradesh pending Environmental clearance

1377. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that various irrigation projects of Madhya Pradesh are pending for environmental clearance with the Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for a long time;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to give clearance to these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) As on 31-10-92, 29 irrigation projects of Madhya Pradesh were pending with the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The details are as per attached Statement [*See* below].

(c) After receipt of the complete details from the State Government and carrying out of site inspection, if necessary, the proposals are examined expeditiously for final decision.

Statement

Details of Irrigation Projects of Madhya Pradesh pending with Central Government as on 31st October 1992

Sl. No.	Forest Area involved	District	Name of the Project	Pending since
1	2	3	4	5
1.	447.247 ha.	Bastar	Kosarteda M.I.P.	September 1992
2.	95.930 ha.	Bastar	Construction of P. V. 103 Irrigation Project.	Do.
3.	33.204 ha.	Bastar	Nebta Tank Project	Do
4.	7.710 ha.	Bilaspur	Khudri Irrigation Project.	Do.
5.	13.584 ha.	Bilaspur	Dandibahora Tank.	Do
6	54.520 ha.	Raipur	Dhabakhar Tank Project	Do.

1	2	3	4	5
7.	21.650 ha	Raipur	Lahsumwahi Tank	September 1992
8.	38 125 ha.	Raipur	Kolhigaon Tank	Do.
9.	37.600 ha.	Raipur	Gohan Nalla Tank	Do.
10.	13.190 ha.	Raipur	Construction of Lilar diversion	Do.
11.	70.00 ha.	Raipur	Bagain Tank Project	Do.
12	53.703 ha.	Raipur	Godlanala Tank	Do.
13.	115.628 ha.	Raipur	Lower Bhandora Tank Project	Do.
14.	204.620 ha.	Raipur	Pedhi Tank Project	Do.
15.	49.480 ha.	Raipur	Construction of Naik Bandha Tank	Do.
16.	2.765 ha.	Raipur	Kasabail Diversion Scheme	Do.
17.	109.725 ha.	Sarguja	Batra Irrigation Project	August 1992
18.	18.466 ha.	Morena	Murai Tank Project	Do.
19.	12.001 ha.	Bastar	Biranpur—Irrigation Project	Do.
20.	8.552 ha.	Panna	Shyamgiri Irrigation Project	Do.
21.	40 090 ha.	Raigar	Dumorpali Irrigation Project	Do.
22.	46.500 ha.	Mandsour	Construction of Amarpura Irrigation Project	Do.
23.	44.000 ha.	Mandsour	Panda Irrigation Project	Do.
24.	17.39 ha.	Sarguja	Chander Nagar Irrigation Project	Do.
25.	24.245 ha.	Sarguja	Sayar Irrigation Project	Do.
26.	45.310 ha.	Sehore	Shawpur Tank Project	May, 1992
27.	35.180 ha.	Sehdol	Lahasuna Tank Project	January 1991
28.	136.290 ha	Balaghat	Dokriya Nala Irrigation Project	November 1991
29.	29.805 ha.	Khargaon	Sultanpur Irrigation Project	October 1991

Scheme for forest conservation and improvement of the environment

1378. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received proposals/Schemes from the various state Governments for conservation of forest and improvement of environment in their respective states;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) No specific proposal/scheme has been received from State Governments for conservation of forest and improvement of environment.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Poachers in Hastinapur Wild Life Sanctuary

1379. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Hastinapur wild life sanctuary, one of the largest in the world where swamp deer and crocodiles are kept, is fast becoming a haven for poachers; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Government have not received from the State wildlife Authorities any reports of large scale poaching in Hastinapur Sanctuary.

(b) Does not arise.